17th March 1953]

Acquisition of lands for the Nayadi Colony, Palghat taluk.

* 57 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was any proposal to acquire lands for the Nayadi Colony at Pokkanamkunnu in Mankurussi, Palghat taluk, Malabar ; and

(*b*) if so, when the proposal originated and the stage at which it stands now?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) & (*b*) An attempt was made in 1950, to acquire certain lands for starting a colony for Nayadis of Pokkanamkunnu, but was subsequently dropped as the Nayadis did not like to shift to the sites selected."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, in view of the fact that inclusive of 1951, this State has given 49,501 house-sites to Harijans by acquisition and 53,203 house-sites by assignment, and none of them is in Malabar, may I request the Government to interest themselves a little more in the welfare of Malabar Harijans? " 9–10 a.m.

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Under the orders in the Government Order of 1951, each Nayadi family in Malabar may be given 15 cents. As it is, 7 families are in occupation of one acre of land. The Collector of Malabar suggested that the implementation of the Government Order might be postponed till the record of rights under the Malabar Tenancy Act, and the list of Harijans who have no legal rights to the land under occupation and who have no house-sites, is prepared. It is further reported that the proposal to start a Nayadi colony at Pokkanamkunnu is not an urgent one and can wait till the Government Order is implemented since they are not under threats of eviction nor is there congestion on the spot."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" What exactly does this Nayadi community mean, Sir? Are they worse than the Adi-Dravidas living in other parts of the Madras State? Are they not only untouchable but unapproachable, and even while taking alms, they should not come anywhere near the alms giver? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The hon. Member is referring to a very old state of affairs."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The supplementary question has nothing to do with the main question."

Reservation of seats for ladies in Government buses.

* 58 *Q.*—SRI G. SIVASANKARA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether the last seat in every Government bus plying in the City of Madras has been reserved for ladies; and if so, the reasons therefor?